

ALEXANDRIA, VA

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 1871.

The details of the late Railroad disasters will excite not only public sympathy but indignation at the alleged carelessness, or neglect, or criminal conduct of those who are considered the cause of these wholesale slaughterings of human beings. Legislation on the subject of these continued Railroad "accidents" as they have heretofore been termed, will be called for, and the most stringent preventive laws demanded by the people every where. The accounts published in another column will cause a thrill of horror to pass over every reader.

The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun says :- "The fifty millions of five per cts. reserved by the Secretary of the Treasury for exchange by the national banks are nearly exhausted, and when the remainder is subscribed it is understood the Secretary will offer no more five per cents to the public by themselves. It is quite likely that the Secretary will retain the remainder of the five hundred millions of that class of bonds for some months before offering them at all. and that when so offered they will be offered in connection with the lower rate bonds, and in equal amounts with the latter. Mr. Boutwell's friends believe his successful negotiation of the first two hundred millions of five per cents will have given him so great an advantage in connection with the funding project as that he will be able at the proper moment to place the four-and-a-half and four per cents in the mar-ket in equal portions with the five per cents, and carry them without difficulty, all of which remains to be seen."

We have already given an account of the acquittal, by the magistrate at Columbus, Ohio, of Mrs. Colburn, formerly Mrs. Buffenburger, arrested on a charge of poisoning her husband. It is now believed that the charge was made under the dictation of some persons interested in having her convicted. When she was discharged from custody a universal shout of exultation burst from the throats of the assembled multitude who crowded every part of the court-room. Ladies sprang to their feet and waved their hankerchiefs, gentlemen arose and swung their hats, and a scene of wild enthusiam occurred. A general rush was made for the acquitted lady, and congratulations were bestowed and a handshaking indulged in.

The Supreme Court of Vermont has decided in full Court that the act of February 5, 1862. or the Legal-tender act, is constitutional, and also that the law of the State of Vermont of 1870 does not compel the Treasury to pay the overdue bonds in gold, but authorized him to pay them in such currency as should be lawful at the time they became due. The Court turther held that as the U.S. Supreme Court had decided that the U.S. Treasurer notes were a legal-tender in payment and discharge of obligatious incurred before the passage of the act of Congress, the claimant had no legal right to demand and receive payment of his bonds in

Dispatches from Capt. Hall, commanding the Polaris dated Hoisteinberg, Greenland, 1st instant, have been received at the Navy Department reporting his arrival there July 31, where they were agreeable surprised at finding a Swedish expedition, under command of F. W. Von Oteler, which had been to Disco and Upernivik, and is now on its return homeward. The Swedish expedition brings highly favorable news from Upernivik -- that the season for Arctic navigation is better than known for years.

For some time past persons have been engaged at the Washington navy yard in dredging for chains and other articles deposited for safe keeping beneath the surface of the Anacostia river at the time the British burned Washington. They have been rewarded in their search by the recovery of a considerable amount of chain, and last week a fine old fashioued anchor was drawn from its muddy bed, where it had laid for over fifty years.

It is said that during the late terrific gale on the southern coast, the steamship City of Houston, Capt. Partridge, from New York for Galveston, would undoubtedly have been lost, had it not been for the exertions of officers and seamen of the U.S. navy, who were going from New York to Key West on board the ship. Capt. P. was in a state of intoxication during the prevalence of the storm.

The prominent physicians to whom the State Department sent samples of the famous herb cundurango, claimed to be a specific for cancer, have generally made their report to the department, stating as the result of their trial, that the new drug is of no value in curing

Mr. Justice Barnard of the New York Supreme Court has just decided that "it is idle and foolish to sue an editor of a paper for a libel that he knew nothing about, and when he is willing to render any proper redress that a mistake calls for."

The "Spiritualists," Camp Meeting at Oakington, on the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore railroad, thirty-four miles from Baltimore, was attended by large crowds of persons-troubled "spirits" were on the rampage, and the "manifestations" were frequent.

Leonard Scott, & Co., New York, have republished the August number of Blackwood's the very fellows what opposed the Kentucky der the circumstances.—Georgetown Courier. Leonard Scott, & Co., New York, have re-Magazine. Contents:-The Maid of Sker; the road going to Abingdon. to See; National Defence and Army Organization; the Financial Condition of France; Wal-

ter Scott; the Ballot bill. We have received Home and Hearth, a monthly magazine, published in New York; and Rowell, & Co's Newspaper Reporter and the Printers' Record.

A paragraph in Saturday's Gazette spoke of one object, proposed to be effected by a call for a Convention in West Virginia, was to make some arrangement about the enormous State debt. It should have read North Carolina instead of West Virginia.

The latest European news by cable dispatches is that a compromise has been arranged between the French political parties, by which Thiers will be continued as President; and that the impending troubles have been delayed for a time, at least.

Judge Underwood publishes in the Richmond State Journal a letter reaffirming his position in regard to woman suffrage, and declares that it is his belief that all women will be permitted to deposit their ballots in the Presidental contest of 1872!

President Grant answers a tender of hospitality by the Lincoln Club of Pittsburg, that "he will reach Pittsburg about the 12th or 15th of September, but is not yet able to decide whether he can stop long enough to accept."

Some of the banks having complained of a scarcity of twenty-five and ten-cent currency notes, a supply is now being printed at the Treasury Department, and will be sent out as soon as they are finished.

Chief Justice Howes, of Omaha, Nebraska, has given his decision that "women are legal voters in all the States in the Union." "O learned judge! A second Daniel come to judg-

The Louisville Courier-Journal has come to the conclusion that there is altogether too much deadhead advertising for politicians in the pa pers of the West, Southwest and South.

A man has been arrested at Cincinnati, who has served two terms in the penitentiary, and sent to Missouri, charged with robbing a U S. express messenger, six years ago, of \$30,000.

It is said that subscriptions to the new U.S. loan on Saturday were over \$4,000,000. This does not include those received by Jay Cook &

Charles Scribner head of a publishing firm in New York, died Saturday at Lucerne. Switzerland, of typhoid fever, aged 51.

The loss by the recent great fire at Point a Petre, Guadaloupe, is from six to eight millions of dollars.

Helmbold is announced as "Redivivus."

NEWS OF THE DAY.

"To show the very age and body of the Times."

The recent succession of storms on the South Atlantic coast has been very disastrous to shipping, and a number of disasters are reported. Many vessels have been wrecked on shore or abandoned at sea, and the losses are probably greater than we yet know of. Except in the wrecking of the steamship Lodona, we hear of but two or three lives lost.

By the aid of divers, Com. Braine, U. S. N., has recovered four bodies from the wreck of the Weehawken, which sunk in Charleston harbor in 1865. They were found in the engine room, and are supposed to have been engineers McCowan, Merian, Mitchell and Spongbergh. They are to be taken to New York for inter-

The New York papers state that Geo. S. Cobb. of Atlanta, Ga., was arrested at the Grand Central Hotel, in New York, on Friday, charged with the larceny of \$10,000 from the office of the Southern Express Company, at Atlanta, Ga., on the 20th of last May. Cobb, at that time, was money clerk in the Atlanta

An application for the remission of a fine imposed on a vessel for not showing a lighted torch when approaching another vessel at night, as required by the new law, has been approved and the money returned by order of Secretary Boutwell. In some cases it is impossible for a sailing vessel to comply with the

Nothing has been received at the War Department in relation to the killing of Gen. Geo. H. Crook, commanding the department of Arizona, whose reported murder by Apache Indians was published heretofore. The officials at the War Department give no credence to the

The Internal Revenue Bureau has decided that profits arising from the sale of a banking house are not taxable if such real estate was purchased within the year of sale or within two years previous to the year for which the estimate of profits is to be made.

The North Missouri Railroad was sold at auction on Saturday, under a deed of trust, in St. Louis. Morris K. Jessup, of New York, was the purchaser at \$2,000,000 cash. A petition has been filed in the City Circuit Court to set aside the deed as fraudulent.

Accounts from many parts of the counties of Eastren North Carolina give gloomy reports of the prospects of the cotton crop. It will, it is said, be cut short fully a third by drought

Attorney General Akerman has decided that there is no vacancy in the office of Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and that Mr. Douglass is still filling that office, being only Commissioner ad interim.

A recent democratic county convention at Canton, Mississippi, adopted a resolution that one-half the offices should be given to colored

Nearly \$9,000 has been contributed in New York for the relief of the yellow fever sufferers them with water. He charged his gun with in Buenos Ayres.

The Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the U. S. will meet in Chicago on Monday, September 18th. The Cheney difficulty in the Episcopal Church

it Chicago is far from being settled. "DASTARDLY OUTRAGE."-A man calling himself Smith, and hailing from Abingdon, came to Bristol on the 5 o'clock train on Saturday last, and made a dastardly attack upon one of our oldest and most respected citizens. by the name of Jones, by knocking him sense-

less on the platform with a pair of brass knucks. Jones, on recovering from the blow, approached Smith and said, "What does this mean? What did you knock me down for? I don't know you; I never done anything to

'My God, stranger," answered Jones, "that

juestion was settled before the war, more than thirteen years ago !"

and now, if you don't git up and git, I'll snatch | The members of the various boat clubs here | including the bank, treasury and custom house. these here knucks from under your ear agin." are making arrangements for a grand boat rece It is feared the money of the bank was abstractthe officer of the law. - Bristol News.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

A letter from Pleasant Hill, near Front Royal, published in the Warrenton Index, says:-"Last Sunday I went to the vineyard of Mr. Marcus Buck. He is the pioneer of vine-growing in Virginia. Judging from his success it will become a great interest in the mountains of the State. He has 75 acres in vines, 40 acres of which are now bearing. He cultivates principally the Concord, Ives and Catawba, eloquent speaker, was the orator of the day, but has nearly all the standard varieties of grapes. He employs Mr. Fahl, an intelligent touching and worthy a tribute to the memory German vine dresser, and seems to think the of a good and gifted man. Time and space Concord the most reliable for vineyards. Mr. will not permit even a cursory sketch of his Buck expects to make ten thousand gallons of happy remarks; but the admirers of Scottwine and one thousand gallons of brandy this season. He is also the possessor of an orchard of superb peaches.'

Joseph H. Ham, Postmaster at Stanardsville, Green county, was before Commissioner Buffum, Saturday, charged with re-using postoffice stamps; opening letters not addressed to him; removing stamps from letters and envelopes for the purpose of reusing them; and for improper cancellation of stamps. In default of bail, fixed at \$2,000, he was commit-

The Warrenton Index says:-"We hear complaints from all parts of Fauquier county of drouth. It will shorten late crops of corn, and as pasturage fails necessitate the feeding of stock. Mill races in this region are almost without water; and consumers are being sup-plied with corn meal from Alexandria and

The Virginia Star says :- "A farmer from apper Stafford informs us that the cholera is uite prevalent in that section, and that many armers have lost all their hogs in consequence

The Staunton (Va.) Virginian understands that the friends of the respective proposed routes of the Valley railroad are actively at

The amount of the State debt funded at the reasurer's office on Saturday was \$256.915.69, making the total to date \$10,840,045.57.

Mr. Jefferson Davis and lady arrived in Richmond on Saturday evening. They leave to-day for the White Sulphur.

OLD TIMES.—A correspondent of the Boston Journal writes from Hampshire county,

We are domiciled with a patriarchal pair, who more than a dozen years ago celebrated their "golden wedding." and who, coming to this homestead in the beauty of youth, have changed only into the beauty of old age, with the arrangement of the hall. Waves of cloth hearts fresh and young as when they, sixty-three years ago, clasped hands in pledge of eternal fellowship. Near by are the ruins of a school-house, the walls of which once echoed to the shouts of eighty urchins, representing, however, only about eight families, showing that in olden times one of the first scriptural commands was faithfully obeyed. We hear of a mother of twenty-two children who once was a dweller on this hillside. Now there is not probably a district in town that numbers over twenty pupils, and the ruins of scores of houses are pointed out, with farms overgrown with weeds, indicating the depopulation of our hill-

daily at the "tayern on the hill," en route to this old stage route in the war of 1812. Now the appearance of a single stage-coach is the event of the day, as it brings tidings from the outside world of railroad and telegraph. In and "Rebecca," Rebecca whom Lyanhoe should those far-away years there were no "matches" save those made in heaven, and it was no unusual thing to wade through snow-drift half a mile on a wintry morning, to the nearest neighbor for a few live coals for the breakfast fire. Post office and grist mills required a goodly part of the day to reach; but life was full of simple rural pleasures, and with a well-stocked ibrary this venerable pair have walked the upward pathway, waiting patiently for the sunlight to illumine the mountain top, and for the voice which will bid them "Come up higher."

FAIRFAX COUNTY .- [From the Fairfax couny News. |-A certified copy of a resolution of the Board of Public Works has been received for record in the clerk's office transferring to this county, the State's interest in the several turnpikes traversing the county. We do not know the amount of stock which has thus beHeaven's hand to guard us. come vested in the county, but it must represent quite a large amount. It is chiefly valuable, however, for the influence it will give the county in the management of the roads, as the people, will through the Board of Supervisors, be enabled to enforce a better attention to their

interests, than has heretofore prevailed. Mr. T. S. Wright, residing near Accotink, states that Miss Hannah McPherson, lost a valuable cow on Wednesday last, for which she had just paid \$50, by being choked in attempting to swallow a green hard peach. The cow lived thirty-six hours after the peach had lodged in her throat. The same gentleman informs us that the hog cholera has been very serious in Mt. Vernon Township. Mr. William Ward of "High Point" has lost seventy odd head, Mr. Richard Windsor of "Hayfield" about one hundred head, and other neighbors have lost smaller numbers. It is said the feeding of salt fish to the hogs has resulted in ar-

resting the disease. On Thursday last while Mr. Elida Watkins, was feeding a threshing machine at Mr. B. Canfield's, in this place, his left arm was caught by the spike in the cylinder and torn off within three inches of the elbow.

A man named Spillman, was on Monday committed to the jail of this county, convicted before Justice Crocker, of Falls Church, of erecting a booth and engaging in the sale of liquor at the camp meeting near that place, in violation of the act of the Legislature. The Justice ordered him to pay \$20 for the benefit of the county. But he was unable to liquidate, and so he was sent to jail.

NOVEL EXPERIMENT .- A gentleman of this city who has been troubled with a neighbor's fowls, and had repeatedly cautioned him to keep them at home without avail, hit on the expedient, as he didn't wish to kill, of shooting powder, and placed a tallow wad over it, and poured in a comfortable charge of water, over which he placed another tallow wad. Thus prepared for the foul experiment, he awaited the advent of the fowls. He did not have to wait long, for soon the proud leader of the feathered brigade came strutting into the yard at the head of his harem. When within a suitable distance the gun was discharged, and a shower, not of iron hail and leaden rain, but of too far gone to be saved. Potomac water, was rained on the devoted body of chanticleer. As the rooster stood a little quartering, he was almost completely denuded of feathers on one side, while on the other, searcely a feather was ruffled. He didn't manifest the least desire to stop and inquire into the cause of the shower, but exhibited commendable alacrity in showing he knew enough to "go in when it rained." for he went. straight to the hen-house and has not appeared

WASHINGTON ITEMS .- The movement in opposion to the policy arranged by the governing power of the territorial government has ta-"I don't care a d-n," retorted Smith, in a ken shape in an organization which numbers towering rage, "I never heard anything about it till I saw the Abingdon Virginian this week, most capable citizens of the District.

Walter Scott.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette. HALIFAX, N. S., Aug. 21 .- On the 15th of August, the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Sir Walter Scott was celebrated with enthusiasm by all the representatives of the various races sojourning in this city, but especially by the "Ceitic costumed." together with the 78th Highlanders, including the band and piand seldom has it been our privilege to hear so the man who has gone into their homes, heightened their imaginations and glorified their lives with beauty and with the sense of higher emotion and with mighty intellectual ideas-can well conceive how, with so lofty a theme, the inspiration of the orator could hold, for the space of one hour and a half, the breathless attention of an immense concourse of people. And where is there not an admirer of Sir Walter Scott? Let us remember the remarkable thing in his young training; that burly, hearty hot-headed youth that he was, he had his life so regulated by a high standard of moral control, and all his emotions so well disciplined that unlike Byron, who mutilated all the purer and all the lovelier elements in woman's nature, Scott produced in his writings a higher ideal of womanhood to grace his song and to sparkle forth in the pages of his romances. He never sneered at womanhood; never violated the sacred sancity that surrounds with matchless

grace the gentler part of society. The procession was grand and imposing; Masonie, Military and Temperance societies uniting, and not the least interesting was the Juvenile Temperance Club, boys from seven to sixteen years of age, under bond and promise of strict moral discipline. The Highland costumes, kilts, waving plumes, glittering of silver buckles, the green and searlet splendor of the tartans, the scarlet uniforms of the soldiers, the fluttering of the colors and all the variegated costumes, gave a most picturesque appearance to the gathering and made up a fit setting for the oratorical jewel which followed. At the Horticultural Gardens in the afternoon

the Highland Games elicited a lively competition. Dancing, "Highland Fling," "Reel of Lulloch," "Gillie Callum," Sack Races, High Leap, &c.-won prizes of considerable value. The music surpassed any we ever heard, in number one hundred and forty-five pieces. At seven o'clock in the evening a Promenade Concert was given, and at ten a grand Ball. It was our privilege early in the evening to visit of varigated colors gave a light airy appearance to the ceiling of the room, which seemed transformed into a palace of beauty worthy of the Arabian Nights. In the centre was erected a beautifully decorated fountain plashing cool and clear into its basin, and having about it all the wildwood plants and vines, and around the room were arranged the most choice plants in full bloom, filling the air with delightful perfume. Written in letters of many colors above the walls and arches formed between the posts, were the names of many of the characters which Scott's genius made famous, and which in return made their author renowned, and as one gazed at the familiar names alone, and then When our host first came here to live, it was stepped back after short reverie to the present, no uncommon thing for a dozen stages to stop one felt impelled to accost the first comer with Boston or Albany. Our informant recalls the | to find thee here," or with "What good Quentin sight of artillery wagons passing to and fro on comest thou to unsafe France for flesh for thy bones and wine for thy palate." "Ivanhoe" and the great hero of all, the Black and "Rebecca," Rebecca whom Ivanhoe should have married and allowed Athelstane to have his Saxon love, Rebecca whose self-sacrifice is not one of the least of the great tributes to womanhood paid by Sir Walter. She leaves the land that had become unbearable and rides away to her Spanish retreat, because in that land every hope she had had been blighted. Then comes Robin Hood, Quentin Durward, &c. But we find it impossible to do justice to this noble celebration, and must leave all space to be filled by the imagining of our readers. Scott, a good man, lived his life soberly, never breaking forth into wild excesses, nor preach ing a siekly cynicism or doubt in the goodness of Heaven; but like the honest, healthy soul he was, he put aside his passions, he kept his soul pure and free, he sang ever of the nobleness of woman, of the dignity of virtue, and of Heaven's hand to guard us.

"ERRATIC" ALEXANDRIAN.

INVENTION.-Dr. E. F. Sheltman, of Christiansburg, Va., has obtained a patent for a machine for measuring, registering, and indicating the time, distance, and speed of locomotives, carriages, and all kinds of running machinery. The editor of the Christiansburg accident was caused by neglect of the conduc-Messenger, who has seen and examined the tor and engineer of the mail train to obey the machine, says that the object of it is to provide for the use of railroad companies, the proprietors of livery stables, omnibus and stage ines, and persons owning mills and other running machinery, a cheap, simple, and practicable device, which can be conveniently attached to the ears, vehicles, or buildings containing the machinery, and securely kept under lock and key. When attached to cars or carriages it will at all times accurately measure, record. upon paper, and indicate to the eye the distance they have run; the velocity of their movement at every part of their progress; the duration of their movement, with the time of its beginning and ending; the number, time, duration and locality of their stoppages, and the number, time, distance, and duration of their retrograde movements. When applied to other machinery it will indicate the time when its operation begins; the speed of its movements during every moment that it is running; its stoppages, with their time and duration, and its reverse movement, with its time and duration. The machine is simple, not at all complicated, can be readily attached to any running machinery, and costs but a nominal amount.

PRINCE WM. COUNTY .- From the Manassas Gazette.]-We understand that the farmers around Nokesville are procuring large quantities of lime to be used upon their fall sowing of wheat. They procure it from the kilns of Messrs Garson & Co., at Riverton, near Front

Royal. During the past week the weather has been intensely hot, and our farmers have been anxiously awaiting rain that the sufferings crops might be benefitted thereby. On Wednesday night some rain fell, which will prove beneficial to the gardens, but many fear the corn crop is A fight took place some time last week near

Independent Hill in the lower part of this county, between two coopers, named James Posey and Wm. Beavers. Posey was severely injured by a hatchet in the hands of Beavers. The camp meeting which has been in pro-Friday morning. Brentsville, Manassas. Dumfries, Hartford, Beadley, Clifton and other places were represented by tents on the ground.

Friday night last.

The great fire which lately occurred at Point a-Petrie, capital of the island of Guadaloupe West Indies, destroyed nearly the whole town.

Railroad Disasters.

One of the most terrible railroad accidents on record occurred at Revere. a few miles from Boston, on Saturday night. The Bangor exress train ran into the rear end of another passenger train while running at high speed, and a fearful scene of death ensued. The rear ear of the forward train was crowded with passengers, very few of whom escaped death or injury, those who were unharmed by the collision suffering from the escaping steam from the engine of the express train. Twenty-four persons were killed and thirty or forty wounded, some of whom will die. The details, as reported by telegraph, make the disaster no less horrible than the New Hamburgh slaughter, on the Hudson River Railroad. The responsibility of the affair is thrown upon the conductor and engineer of the express train. Some of the passengers in the rear portion f the accommodation train heard the ominous

engine struck the rearmost car full in the centre and forced its way, in telescopic manner, two-thirds of the length of the car. The smoke stack was instantly knocked off, and the beiler penetrated all of the distance named into the rear car, the rear part of the latter being smashed into a thousand splinters, throwing the debris out on either side of the engine tender. Of the rear half of the car not a frag ment as big as a house window could be found. The fore part of the engine was utterly demolished, its pistons bent and its rods broken. -The car was crowded with people, every seat being occupied, and many standing in the aisles. In among these the locomotive rushed, quick as a flash, just as the Beverly train had started, mangling and killing in the most frightful manner. But this was not the only, and perhaps not the worst visitor the unfortunate passengers had. Simultaneously with the collision the head cap of the boiler was broken, and in an instant the wretched sufferers were shrouded in a cloud of hissing steam, and deluged with boiling water, which brought death instantly to many of the wounded, and will prove fatal to others who had probably not been otherwise seriouly injured. The lamps spilled their contents, but the fire, if any, was undoubtedly extinguished by the water and steam. Although the Beverly train was just moving when the collision took place, its motion did not prevent injury to the cars in front of the last train. The coupling between the two rear cars broke, and the platforms of all of them were jammed up together, with the smoking car overlapping the baggage car, and rods and timber were inextricably mixed and interwoven. Fortunately the entanglement was notso great, but that the passengers succeeded in getting out quite speedily, and happy was it for them they did so, for the kerosene lamps were upset, and the contents spilled upon the upholstery, and in an instant the smoking car was in a blaze. The flames travelled with great speed from one car to another until three of them were enveloped. These were subsequently moved up the track a half dozen rods and allowed to burn until there was nothing left for the fire to feed upon. An effort was at first made to put out the fire, but this was prevented, and the flames were useful in lighting up the dreadful scene in the rear, and facilitated services for the wounded. The work of rescuing the victims was at once begun, assistance being soon furnished from Chelsea Charles-Marry my Lord of Leicester, 1 did not hope town, and at a late hour from Boston. Poor creatures were jammed within the wood and iron work, and could not get out. The are was applied vigorously, and soon a rope was applied to the sides of the ear, and all the remaining frame work was pulled asunder. The dead and mangled bodies were taken out earefully and speedily, and placed on the platform or in the depot. Some were pinned with spilnters, some had arms and legs broken, while others were mangled beyond recognition. Most of the dead were apparently free from bruises, but the peeling skin and deathly pallor which overspread the flesh told plainly that the steam and scalding water

And yet another! On Saturday the Eric mail train, bound West collided with the Empire freight train, going East, about one and a half miles west of Westport Station, Middle Division, Philadelphia and Eric Railroad. Six or seven persons, including a tireman, conductor, and an engineer, were killed, and a number of persons seriously injured. The passenger train was about an hour late in leaving Williamsport, and was running thirty-five miles an hour. The trains meeting on a sharp curve, were not visible to each other until they were only a few yards apart, and their speed was not checked. The baggage and smoking cars of he mail train were telescoped all but a few feet. The passengers in the two cars in the rear were uninjured. An official investigation shows the orders given them not to pass Westport until the freight train had arrived there. A copy of the order was found in the pocket of the engineer, who was believed to be fatally injured, but later intelligence reports him improving, though still unable to speak.

PENNSYLVANIA CENTRAL OPERATIONS .-The latest up to Friday, was that the Pennsylvania Central, by having obtained control of the roads east of Baltimore, was discriminating against Western freights of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, thus virtually cutting the latter Company off from an Eastern connection. This cannot fail to operate disadvantageously to the interests of the B. & O. Railroad.

Saturday's movement on the part of the Pennsylvania Central is announced from Washington, where "it is reported Scott has concluded negotiations with the Harper's Ferry Water Power and Manufacturing Company for their property, recently purchased of the Gov-ernment, at Harper's Ferry. This is a movement in railroad strategy of great importance, as it will give the Pennsylvania combination possession of a point through which it can secure a much shorter route between Washington and the West than now being constructed by the Baltimore and Ohio Company. It is intimated that the object is to extend the road from Hagerstown in Maryland, to Martinsburg, in Berkeley county, West Virginia, and from thence down the Potomac to Harper's Ferry, and from thence across the Shenandoah to Edward's Ferry, where it will form a junction with the Washington and Ohio Roard. - Cumberland (Md.) News.

DROUTH IN WESTERN NEW YORK.-The Genesce river at the present time is literally a thing of the past; the channel is there, but where is the water? Never in the recollection of the "oldest inhabitant" has there been such a drouth as now, such a searcity of water. The mills and manufactories on the race on the east side of the river are idle, no water to turn the wheels. In the rear of the police station gress near this place since last week closed on the rock is bear nearly the whole distance across, and water enough to supply the steamengines in the manufactories is difficult and expensive to obtain. There is not a drop, or scarcely a drop of water going over the High Falls. The water in Brown's race is only ten It was throughout a most orderly and quiet Rev. Mr. Bain commenced a series of pro- inches in depth. The flouring mills operate racted meetings at the Methodist church on slowly during the day-shut down at night so as to permit the other factories to then do a little something. -Rochester Union, 24th.

Jacob Lansing, the Treasurer of Christ Church, of New York, is reported to be a defaulter. An examination of his accounts reveals | draft. hese here knucks from under your ear agin." | are making arrangements for a grand boat rece | It is feared the money of the bank was abstracted a deficit of \$6,000, which may swell to a much on the Potomac river, to come off between the larger sum. Mr. Lansing is a merchant, and has hitherto sustained a good reputation.

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Alexandria Market, August 28, 1871. Family 7 12 (a)
Family choice 8 00 (a)
WHEAT, white choice 1 40 (a)
Good to prime 1 25 (a) Yellow 0 71 EGGS 0 17 (a CHICKENS, per doz 1 50 (a) IRISH POTATOES 0 50 (a) BEANS, white .. whistle, but too late to escape. On came the express train at great velocity, and then the Ground, in bags, returned.... 8 00 WOOL, common unwashed...... 0 40 Washed......Merino, unwashed..... Merino, washed HAY, per ton from the cars 20 00 @ 23 00 REMARKS.-The market for Wheat is firm for prime and choice samples; medium and low grades are dull and neglected; offerings of 4434 bushels red, with sales at 120, 123, 125, 128, 130, 132, 135, 136 and 140 for fair to strictly prime;

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with offerings of 696 bushels. Rye is in light receipt; no sales reported. Oats are in active request; offerings of 857 bushels, with sales at 46, 47, 48 and 50—latter for Norway. RECEIPTS BY RAILROAD,-During the week ending on Saturday last there were received at this city by the O. A. & M. R. R.: Corn 1478 bushels, wheat 15,782, rye 188, oats 3276, seed 15, potatoes 60, onion: 15, sumac 3710 sacks, flour 635 bbls, hay 130 bales, bark 81 cords, eggs 25 bbls and boxes, pig iron 18,450 lbs, wool 5 sacks, but-ter 9 firkins, ginseng 1 box, fowls 10 coops, to-bacco 10 boxes, apples 10 bbls, leather 21 rolls, vinegar 3 bbls, broom corn 8 bales, calves, &c., 41, lead 40 lbs, lumber 18,500, feet cattle, sheep and horses 17 car loads, staves 1 car load, stone 2

small sales of fair and very good white at 125

and 135. To the scarcity of water for milling

purposes is due principally the duliness of the

Corn market-there being but little shipping de-

mand-but, owing to the light receipts, prices

are maintained; sales of mixed at 73 and 75.

During the same period the receipts by the W. & O R. R. were: Wheat 1876 bushels, corn 516, oats 822, meal 36, flour 13 bbls, butter 39 bbls and kegs, eggs 14 bbls, fruit 199 bbls and boxes, cheese 12 boxes, fowls 12 coops, calves 16, sumac 7973 lbs, rags 25 bags, hides and sheep skins 60, stock 1 car load, wood 8 car loads, milk

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, AUGUST'28. SUN ROSE...... 5.25 | MOON SETS...... 3.12

Steamship E C Knight, Johnson, New York, to Hooe, Wedderburn & Co. Steamer Lady of the Lake, Gray, Norfolk, to

M Eldridge & Co. Steamer Columbia, Harper, Baltimore, to B Wheat. Steamer Wawaset, Fowlkes, Currioman, to Potomac Ferry Co. Schr Grace Girdler, Portland, ice to E C

Schr Henry Finch, Philadelphia, to American Schr Skylark, Washington, to G Hutton.

SAILED. Schrs Maggie & Lucy and Henry Finch, Jersey City, by American Coal Co. Schr Vashti Sharp, for Beston, by G Hutton.

MEMORANDA. Schr John F Krauz, Purvere, for this port, cleared at Boston 25th instant.

SCHUTZENFEST.

ALEXANDRIA AND WASHINGTON R.R.

SPECIAL TRAINS will be run between A! exandria and Washington on TUESDAY and THURSDAY, August 29th and 31st, leaving Alexandria from the corner of King and St. Asaph streets, at 7 o'clock p. m.; returning, leave Washington at 12 m. Fare 50 ets. for the round trip. Tickets good on local trains the fol-O. A. STEVENS, lowing day. aug 28-4t

REVIVAL OF LITERATURE-ELOCU-

LUTHER D. HARRISON, at the request of many of his fellow-citizens, will give a series of READINGS, selections from the poets and prose writers of the world, at his auction room, commencing on Thursday night, at 7 o'clock, and to be continued every Thursday and Saturday thereafter. Selections from Byron, Poe, Burns, Hood, Tennyson, and others, and specimens of the eloquence of distinguished Divines. Gough and others. Sale of Goods at the con-

WM. H. GREENWELL'S SCHOOL FOR BOYS.

The duties of this School will be resumed on Monday, September 4th, at the Friendship Eu-gine House, on Alfred steet, between King and Prince. The course embraces the Senior, Inter-mediato and Junior studies. Book-keeping will also be taught, if desired, to advanced pupils.—Bills payable by the quarter in advance. For the charges of tuition, &c., apply at No. 44, Duke street, corner Water, or at the school room. aug 28-2w

OFFICE OF THE POTOMAC FERRY CO... Seventh Street Wharf, Washington, August 28th, 1871.

During the temporary suspension of the run-ning of the cars down 7th street, (owing to the work now in progress on that street) omnibuses will carry passengers free from the boats of this Company to and from B and 7th streets, where the cars now stop.

S. S. HOWISON, aug 28-5t

Prest. Potomac Ferry Co.

aug 28-5t DOTOMAC FISH.

50 barrels Net Shad. 300 barrels Family Roe Herrings. 200 barrels No. 1 Net Herrings. 200 barrels No. 1 Gross Herrings. 100 kits Shad Roe. For sale by 28 SHINN & CO., 13 Union st. nug 28

MISS POWELL'S SELECT SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES.

The next session of this School will begin on Wednesday, September 20th, 1871. Circulars can be obtained at French's Bookstore, or after the session of th the 15th of September, on application to Miss Powell, at her residence, corner of Washington

and Duke streets. A CCOKEEK EPISCOPAL CHURCH (FARMINGTON) FESTIVAL AND CONCERT.—The steamer FAIRY will leave her wharf, foot of King

street, at 31 o'clock to-morrow (TUESDAY) the 29th; returning about 12 o'clock. Round trip tickets 75 cents.

A GRICULTURAL LIME.

6000 bushels SHELL LIME, an excellent fertilizer, for sale by SHINN & CO., and 28 13 Union st.

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Where he will be pleased to see all his friends and the public generally.

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